

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claim 16 and add Claims 20 through 23 to read, as follows.

Claims 1 through 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, said toner supply container comprising:

a container body for containing toner;

a shutter for closing and opening an opening which is provided in said container body, said shutter including a first gear portion for meshing engagement with a first gear member, which is provided in the image forming apparatus;

a rotatable member, which is rotatable relative to said container body to produce a driving force for opening and closing said shutter, said rotatable member including a second gear portion for meshing engagement with a second gear member, which is provided in the image forming apparatus, said first gear member and said second gear member being rotatable together; and

a projection, which is provided on said rotatable member, for receiving a force, ~~force~~ for pre-rotating said rotatable member through a predetermined angle in a direction for ~~for~~ [[of]] opening said shutter, from the image forming apparatus in response to a mounting operation of said toner supply container to the image forming apparatus,

wherein said rotatable member is rotatable through a predetermined angle in a direction for ~~for~~ [[of]] closing said shutter from a position [[at]] which is taken by said rotatable member at a time when said second gear portion and said second gear member are

engaged with each other after pre-rotation, said first gear portion is in meshing engagement with said first gear member, and

wherein said rotatable member is rotatable by receiving a force in a direction for opening said shutter from the image forming apparatus through said projection in response to a dismounting operation of said toner supply container from the image recording apparatus, and a degree of rotation of said rotatable member upon the dismounting operation is such that said shutter is substantially not moved in the direction for opening.
~~wherein said projection enables disengagement between said second gear portion and said second gear member so as to substantially prevent said second gear portion from rotating said second gear member in a dismounting operation of said toner supply container from the image forming apparatus.~~

17. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 16, further comprising a locking member for locking said rotatable member so as to allow a permissible predetermined amount of rotation, said locking member releasing said rotatable member upon completion of the mounting operation of said toner supply container to the image forming apparatus.

18. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 16, wherein said container body is mounted substantially non-rotatably to the image forming apparatus.

19. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 16, wherein said shutter is disengageable with a main assembly shutter for opening and closing a toner receiving opening provided in the image forming apparatus, wherein said shutter and the main assembly shutter are movable integrally with each other.

--20. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:
rotational force transmitting means provided in a main assembly of said image forming apparatus, said rotational force transmitting means including a first gear member and a second gear member;

a toner supply container detachably mountable to the main assembly; and
image forming means for forming an image using toner in said toner supply container,

wherein said toner supply container includes:
a container body for containing the toner,
a shutter for closing an opening which is provided in said container body, said shutter including a first gear portion for meshing engagement with said first gear member,
a rotatable member, which is rotatable relative to said container body to produce a driving force for opening and closing said shutter, said rotatable member including a second gear portion for meshing engagement with said second gear member, said first gear member and said second gear member being rotatable together, and

a projection, which is provided on said rotatable member, for receiving a force, for pre-rotating said rotatable member through a predetermined angle in a direction for

opening said shutter, from the image forming apparatus in response to a mounting operation of said toner supply container to the main assembly,

wherein said rotatable member is rotatable through a predetermined angle in a direction for closing said shutter from a position which is taken by said rotatable member at a time when said second gear portion and said second gear member are engaged with each other after pre-rotation, and

wherein said rotatable member is rotatable by receiving a force in a direction for opening said shutter from the image forming apparatus through said projection in response to a dismounting operation of said toner supply container from the image forming apparatus, and a degree of rotation of said rotatable member upon the dismounting operation is such that said shutter is substantially not moved in the direction for opening.

21. (New) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising a locking member for locking said rotatable member so as to allow a permissible predetermined amount of rotation, said locking member releasing said rotatable member upon completion of the mounting operation of said toner supply container to the image forming apparatus.

22. (New) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said container body is mounted substantially non-rotatably to the image forming apparatus.

23. (New) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising a main assembly shutter, provided in the main assembly, for opening and closing a toner

receiving opening, said main assembly shutter being engageable with said shutter, wherein
said shutter and said main assembly shutter are movable integrally with each other.--